

ARTICLE 4



Article 4: Transfer Station Renovation

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty eight thousand dollars (\$168,000) for the reconstruction of the Amherst Transfer Station to combine recycling and trash collection areas and construct a new exit onto Route 101. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is

completed or by June 30, 2009, whichever is sooner. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee does not support this Article by a vote of 2 to 5.)

This article to upgrade the Transfer Station provides to the taxpayers the same cost savings and benefits of last year's article at significantly reduced costs. The upgrade will significantly improve traffic flow and safety; improve convenience with night time hours; facilitate ease of recycling, and contribute to the reduction of trash disposal. The short outline below addresses the details of this article:

What is different from last year's proposal?

A 52% drop from \$350,000 last year to \$168,000 this year

- Reduced footprint for trash and recycling area*
- Elimination of widening and repaving the entrance*
- Use of concrete blocks instead of poured concrete*

What are the Improvements?

- Separate entrance and exit – more efficient and safer traffic flow (written approval from State is on file)*
- Single stop for trash and recycle containers*
- Lighting for new evening hours operation*
- Larger containers for trash and recycling*
- Compactors for both trash and recycling containers*
- Elimination of container swapping across traffic*

Benefits for Users

- Less time spent at the Transfer Station*
- Open one week night - More convenient hours*
- Safer operation - Traffic flow improved dramatically*
- No more driving up the hill to recycle*
- No more stairs to climb*
- No more flattening cardboard*

Benefits for Taxpayers

Recycling was worth \$96,000 to Amherst residents in 2006

- *\$35,000 made in recycling plus \$61,000 in avoided trash disposal cost*

Increase in recycling tonnage

- *value of a ton of recycling - \$123*

Decrease in trash disposal tonnage

- *cost of trash disposal \$75.82/ton*

Reduced hauling and trash disposal fees

More productive use of Transfer Station personnel

Elimination of surcharge to move a full container on Saturdays

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.09 Per Thousand

ARTICLE 5



Article 5: Town Road Repairs – LUCT Funding

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of reconstructing and repairing certain town roads selected by the Director of the Department of Public Works to the minimum standard identified and defined in the 2006 Amherst Road Surface Management Plan, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 79-A:25-a, (II), to withdraw said funds from the Land Use Change Tax Fund.. This is a non-lapsing Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this Article as re-written at the Deliberative Session on 2/5/07.)

A road condition study performed in 2005, and a report released by the DPW Director to the Board of Selectmen in March of 2006 confirmed we have fallen behind in road repairs. A plan was put together by the director to begin repairing our roads. This plan is a multiyear approach to returning our roads to proper condition. It is intended to be a flexible guide, based on weather, estimated costs, and other factors that are unpredictable. Though it was originally the Board of Selectmen's intent to fund this plan via \$400,000 in this article, it was amended at the Deliberative Session of the Town Meeting and those funds were included in the operating budget. This article remains, on the advice of Town's legal counsel, as authorization for the Board to undertake this road improvement

*project. The actual funds to pay for the project are included in the operating budget. Should the voters **not** support the town operating budget, there will **not** be funds to commence this project in this coming fiscal year.*

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 (none) Per Thousand